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For: BODY FLUID COLLECTING	)	
DEVICE	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend  
the application as follows: